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SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CDNTROL WORKING GROUP ON RW/MDW,
FIFTH ROUND, NINTH AND FINAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1978

RW MESSAGE NO. 15

REF: (A) STATE 227270, (B) GENEVA 13374, (C) GENEVA 11738

1. NINTH AND FINAL MEETING OF ROUND FIVE OF US-USSR WORK-
ING GROUP ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION WAS HELD AT SOVIET MISSION ON SEPTEMBER 8.
HEADS OF BOTH DELS EXCHANGED STATEMENTS AND AGREED AD REF-
ERENDUM ON 16 JANUARY 1979 AS STARTING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND.

2. AMB. FISHER OPENED BY STATING USDEL FINDS THE TWO SIDES
ARE QUITE CLOSE TOGETHER ON THE FIRST FIVE ELEMENTS THAT
WOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN RW CONVENTION. FISHER THAN TABLED
REVISED U.S. TEXT FOR ELEMENT 3 (REF A), AND DREW ON ARGU-
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MENTATION IN REFS A AND B IN EXPLAINING IT. HE CONCLUDED
BY STATING THAT WITH REGARD TO VERIFICATION THE U.S. CON-
TINUES TO ADHERE TO THE POSITION SET FORTH IN ITS JULY 28
STATEMENT (REF C), AND THAT THE U.S. LOOKS FORWARD TO CON-
TINUED PROGRESS IN THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR LIKHATCHEV (HEAD OF SOVDEL) IN BRIEF PRE-

PARED STATEMENT REGRETTED THE U.S. HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED TO DISCUSS NEW MDW IN PARALLEL WITH RW. IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON "INDUCED RADIATION" WEAPONS, HE ALSO LAMENTED U.S. UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT WOULD HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS. HE ALSO AGAIN REFERRED TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS WITHIN THE CCD/CD FRAMEWORK TO CONSIDER THE NEW MDW PROBLEM. UPON COMPLETING HIS OBLIGATORY REMARKS ON THESE SUBJECTS, AMB. LIKHACHEV MOVED TO A STOCKTAKING OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED ON RW DURING THIS ROUND. HE CONCLUDED THAT U.S. AND SOVIET FORMULATIONS FOR ELEMENTS (ARTICLES) 1, 4 AND 5 WERE SO CLOSE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING MUTUALLY-ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. ON ARTICLE 2, HE STATED SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT ARTICLE 3 WAS THE MAIN OUTSTANDING ISSUE IN THE AREA OF SCOPE ON RW. DEPARTING FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, AMBASSADOR LIKHACHEV NOTED THE NEW U.S. LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE 3 ALONG WITH AMB. FISHER'S CLARIFICATIONS AND STATED SOVIET SIDE WOULD STUDY THEM. RETURNING TO HIS TEXT, HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SOVIETS WOULD STUDY U.S. VIEWS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND URGED THE U.S. TO ANALYZE THE SOVIET VIEWS AND PROPOSALS AS WELL.

4. DEL HEADS AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON JANUARY 16, 1979 AS STARTING DATE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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5. GENEVA 13374 AND GENEVA 13471 SHOULD BE RENUMBERED AS RW MESSAGES 13 AND 14 RESPECTIVELY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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